

SOUTH CAROLINA WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

Issue Workshop

Issue Workshop: Need to Develop Senior Friendly Communities

Priority Issue Statement:

Seniors need and have the right to affordable, reliable, accessible transportation. Urban and rural senior friendly transportation is needed to promote independence and access to services.

Barriers:

1. Money/Funding
2. Background checks
3. Fragmented funding
4. Liability
5. Rising cost of fuel
6. Lack of training
7. Lack of coordination of services
8. Lack of communication about services
9. Automated telephone systems
10. Availability of volunteers
11. Single rides
12. Lack of knowledge of replicable projects
13. Variety of services as required by location – urban/rural

Solutions:

1. Legislation that protects providers/entities from liability.
2. Remove restrictions on FTA funds to allow availability at a lower rate match to agencies that provide transportation to seniors, to allow expansion of transportation to access seniors to communities and services.
3. Develop and implement senior friendly, affordable, ADA compliant transportation for rural and urban communities which would allow seniors to remain independent.